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E.O. 11652: GDS
SUBJECT: UNION CARBIDE NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOG

REF: ACCRA 491

EMBASSY PLEASE PASS BARTLETT FROM GEOGHAN

1. ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR JANUARY 25 CABLE. PLEASE ASK QUASHIE-IDUN TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK FOR MEETINGS NEXT WEEK TO PLAN ARRIVE OUR OFFICE ON THURSDAY MORNING JANUARY 31. PLEASE ADVISE DATES AND INDICATE FLIGHT SCHEDULE IF POSSIBLE TO MY HOME ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE OVER WEEKEND. QUASHIE SHOULD PLAN ON TWO DAYS IN OUR OFFICE.

2. WE UNCLEAR AS TO WHICH ACCOUNTS OF AMC AFFECTED. IF AMC WILL BE UNABLE MEET PAYROLL AND OTHER OPERATING COSTS,
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PLEASE HAVE QUASHIE-IDUN NOTIFY GENERAL AMENU AND APPIAH IF

APPROPRIATE, FORMALLY BY LETTER OR BY CABLE, THAT BANK HAS INFORMED AMC OF DIRECTIVE RECEIVED FROM INCOME TAX COMMISSIONER TO TURN OVER 50 MILLION CEDIS AND THAT AMC HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO TERMINATE OPERATIONS AT THE MINE AND LAY OFF ALL EMPLOYEES UNLESS APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTS PERMITTING PAYROLL PAYMENTS AND OPERATING COSTS PAYMENTS ARE RELEASED. AMC WILL NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEES OF THIS ACTION AND PROCEED TERMINATE OPERATIONS AT THE MINE JANUARY 31 IF ACCOUNTS ARE NOT RELEASED.

3. IN IMPLEMENTING FOREGOING PLEASE CONSIDER PERSONAL SECURITY ASPECTS FOR YOURSELF AND EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES AT MINE. WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC CONCERN BUT WISH IMPLEMENT NO COURSE WHICH YOU FEEL MAY PLACE YOU AND OTHERS IN JEOPARDY.

4. ADVISE QUASHIE PROCEED AS HE SUGGESTS IN FILING RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF DEFENSE IN LAW SUIT. KISSINGER

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